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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE CHIEF

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM DANANG JULY 1

REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE DANANG 0807

1. LTG NGO QUANG TRUONG, I CORPS/MR I COMMANDER, MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT AT COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE JUNE 30:

" THE PRESIDENT HAS SELECTED COLONEL PHAM VAN CHUNG TO BE THE NEW CHIEF OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE." COLONEL CHUNG IS CHIEF OF STAFF AT THE VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS DIVISION STATIONED IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. A VETERAN OF 17 YEARS IN THE MARINES, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT HE HAS NOT SERVED PREVIOUSLY IN A PROVINCE OR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE POST.

2. COLONEL CHUNG REPLACES COLONEL VU TIEN PHUC, WHO TOOK OVER AS QUANG NAM PROVINCE CHIEF ONLY IN DECEMBER 1972. CHANGE OF COMMAND WAS TO TAKE PLACE TODAY, JULY 1, 1973. GENERAL TRUONG HAS ADVISED CONGEN OFFICERS THAT THE REASON FOR PHUC'S REMOVAL IS CORRUPTION, SPECIFICALLY THE DIVERSION OF WAR VICTIMS' FUNDS. TRUONG TOLD US THAT PHUC WOULD BE JAILED AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS.

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3. CONGEN COMMENT: CONGEN WAS AWARE OF POSSIBILITY OF PHUC'S

REMOVAL. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT CASE MAY BE MUCH MORE COMPLEX
THAN SIMPLE INSTANCE OF CORRUPTION. FULL REPORT WILL FOLLOW.
END COMMENT. SIGNED BROWN UNQUOTE
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